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TOFAS 101. FOR PETTIPAW

1. FOLLOWING REVISED TRANSLATION OF US./VENEZUELA DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM IS PRESS RELEASE RECEIVED FROM VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. COPY OF SPANISH VERSION OF PRESS RELEASE BEING HAND CARRIED BY DOUGLAS JATEM.

2. QUTOE. THE VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE UNITED STATES CONFIRMED THEIR INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITHIN A SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION THAT SHOULD PREVAIL BETWEEN NATIONS. IN ORDER TO MEET VENEZUELA'S SPECIFIC REQUESTS, THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO SEND HIGHLY QUALIFIED TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANTS TO VENEZUELA AND WILL TRAIN VENEZUELAN TECHNICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES. AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, IRRIGATION, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING, AND SEED IMPROVEMENT ARE FIELDS WHERE THIS COOPERATION SHALL BE SPECIFICALLY FRUITFUL. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ASSISTANCE IS TO FORTIFY THE METHODS USED IN DEVELOPING VENEZUELA'S AGRICULTURE AND TO HELP IN ALLEVIATING WORLD HUNGER. A SMALL GROUP OF TECHNICIANS WILL BE ORGANIZED TO ARRANGE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. END QUOTE.

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